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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)Applicant/Patent Owner: H. C. Starck GmbH & Co. KGApplication No./Patent No.: 10/520574 Filed/Issue Date: July 15, 2005Entitled: Silica gel comprising guanidine carbonateH. C. Starck GmbH & Co. KG, a
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1. the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2. an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.

(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is _____ %)

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A. An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel _____, Frame _____, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

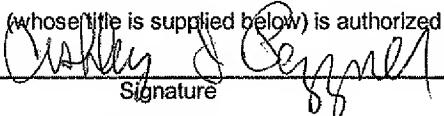
OR

B. A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

1. From: Puppe, Lothar, et al. To: H. C. Starck GmbH
The document was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at
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2. From: H. C. Starck GmbH To: Bayer Beteiligungsverwaltung Goslar GmbH
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 Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet. As required by 37 CFR 3.73(b)(1)(i), the documentary evidence of the chain of title from the original owner to the assignee was, or concurrently is being, submitted for recordation pursuant to 37 CFR 3.11.[NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., a true copy of the original assignment document(s)) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, to record the assignment in the records of the USPTO.
See MPEP 302.08]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

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Signature	Date
<u>Ashley I. Pezzner</u>	(302) 658-9141
Printed or Typed Name	Telephone Number
<u>Authorized Signer for Assignee</u>	
Title	

Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) Supplemental Sheet

H.C. Stark GmbH & Co. KG's entire business has been transferred to H.C. Starck GmbH by way of merger and accretion. H.C. Starck GmbH & Co. KG's previous operative business is now managed by H.C. Starck GmbH.

Attached is a copy of an excerpt from the commercial register of the deregistration H.C. Starck GmbH & Co. KG and a copy of the excerpt from the commercial register of the registration H.C. Starck GmbH. The applicant is in the process of recording this paper.

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Commercial Register B of the Amtsgericht Braunschweig ¹		Fetched on 7 th June 2007 at 13:52 hours	Printout	Page 1 of 2	Number of the Firm:	HRA 200162
Reg.- stration No.	a) Firm Name b) Domicile, Establishment, Branches c) Objective of the Company	a) General Representation b) Owners, General Partners, Managing Directors, Managing Board, Authorised Representatives and Special Power of Attorney	Prokura ²	a) Legal Form, Commencement, Articles of Association b) Other Legal Relations c) Limited Partners, Members	a) Registration Date b) Remarks	
1	a) Hermann C. Stark GmbH & Co. KG b) Goslar	a) Each general partner holds sole power or representation. Each general partner is entitled to transact legal business on behalf of the Partnership with himself in his own name or as representative of a third party. b) General partner: H.C. Stark Verwaltungs-GmbH, Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 200307).	4	5	6	
2		b) Subject to the Spin-Off and Take-Over Agreement dated 15/09/2006 and to the resolutions of approval adopted in partners' meeting dated 15/09/2006 and the shareholders' meeting of the transferring entity dated 15/09/2006 the transferring entity has taken over parts of the assets of H.C. Stark GmbH with domicile in Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 110660) as a whole by way of transformation by spin-off. As to the assets to be spun-off it is hereby referred to the Spin-Off Agreement. The Spin-Off will not take effect before registration in the register folio of the transferring entity. c) After increase of the contribution by 990,000,00 EURO for the purpose of implementation of the spin-off of individual assets of H.C. Stark GmbH as transferring entity to Hermann C. Stark GmbH & Co. KG as entity taking over and limited partner as follows: Limited partners: H.C. Stark GmbH, Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 110660), contribution: 1,000,000,00 EURO	b) 25/09/2006 Fahrtdeck b) Agreements and approvals folio 26 ff. Special Volume			
3		b) The spin-off has taken effect upon registration in the register folio of the transferring entity, i.e. on 26/09/2006.	a) 26/09/2006 Fahrtdeck			
4	a) Due to the alteration of the firm name now H.C. Stark GmbH & Co. KG	c) The limited partner H.C. Stark GmbH changed the firm name into Bayer Beteiligungseverwaltung, Goslar GmbH. Now limited partner: Bayer Beteiligungseverwaltung, Goslar GmbH, Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 110660), contribution: 1,000,000,00 EURO.	a) 26/09/2006 Fahrtdeck			

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1	2	3	4	5	6
5				<p>c)</p> <p>By way of subrogation of Bayer Beteiligungsverwaltung Goslar GmbH became as limited partner. Limited partner: Drachenfelsstr. 482 VV GmbH, Frankfurt a.M. (Amtsgericht Frankfurt a.M.³ HRB 78956) contribution 1.000.000,00 EUR</p> <p>Withdrawal as limited partner. Withdrawn limited partner: Bayer Beteiligungsverwaltung Goslar GmbH, Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 110669)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>The partnership assets, i.e. all of the assets and liabilities, passed to the sole limited partner H.C. Starck GmbH by way of accrual. H.C. Starck GmbH will not continue the firm. So the partnership has been dissolved and has expired without liquidation.</p> <p>c)</p> <p>Due to the transfer of the domicile from Frankfurt am Main to Goslar and due to the change of the firm name now limited partner: H.C. Starck GmbH, Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB200743). Contribution: 1.000.000,00 EURO.</p>	<p>a) 28/02/2007 Schult</p> <p>a) 07/06/2007 Fabritieck</p>

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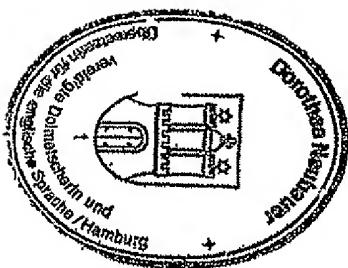
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Reg.- stration No.	a) Firm Name b) Domicile c) Objective of the Company	Nominal or Share Capital	a) General Representation b) Board of Management, Governing Body, Managing Directors, General Partner, Chief Executive, Authorised Representatives and Special Power of Attorney	Prokura ²	a) Memorandum and Articles of Association b) Other Legal Relations	a) Registration Date and Con- firmation b) Remarks
1						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	a) H.C. Stark GmbH b) Goslar	10,000,000,0 0 EUR	a) If only one managing director has been appointed, he shall solely represent the Company. If several Managing Directors have been appointed, the Company shall be represented by two Managing Directors or by one Managing Director acting jointly with a Prokunst. b) Managing Director: Böhm, Gregor Andreas, Munich, * 13/10/1964, authorised to enter into legal transactions on behalf of the Company with himself as representative of a third party. Managing Director: Plunne, Wilhelm, Bad Homburg v.d. Höhe, * 15/09/1952, authorised to enter into legal transactions on behalf of the Company with himself as representative of a third party.		a) Company with Limited Liability Articles dated 6 th November 2006 The Shareholders' Meeting dated 10 th Nov. 2006 with the Addendum, dated 15 th Dec. 2006 adopted the resolution to amend the Articles in § 1 (Domicile), i.e. the transfer of the domicile from Bonn (formerly Amtsgericht Bonn ⁴ , HRB 14897) to Frankfurt am Main and in § 2 (Objective of the Company). The Shareholders' Meeting dated 30 th Jan. 2007 adopted the resolution to increase the share capital by 9,975,000,00 EUR and to amend § 3 of the Articles (Share Capital) and § 1 sentence 1 (Firm Name). Moreover, the Shareholders' Meeting dated 30 th Jan. 2007 adopted the resolution to amend § 1 of the Articles (...; Domicile) thus deciding to transfer the domicile from Frankfurt am Main (as yet Amtsgericht Frankfurt am Main ⁵ HRB 78956) to Goslar	a) 20/04/2007 Faidbeck

c)
The objective of the Company is
the acquisition and holding of
interests and the provision of
services against payment to third
parties and associated companies,
in particular to holding and sister
companies. These services may
include, among others,
management, brokerage, marketing
and consulting services and also
financial services. Within the
scope of the financial services the
Company may particularly finance
its subsidiaries by granting them
members' loans or it may arrange
for credits by third parties,
however, the Company may not
perform banking activities within
the meaning of the Banking Act.
The services may be rendered both
by the Company's own employees
and by the resale of purchased
services.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2					b) With H.C. Stark Holding (Germany) with domicile in Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig HRB 200744) as controlling company a profit transfer agreement was concluded on 24 th April 2007. This agreement was approved by the Shareholders' Meeting on 25 th April 2007.	10 th May 2007 Rüssel
3					b) Ceased to be Managing Director: Bühl, Gregor, Munich, * 13/10/1964 Ceased to be Managing Director: Plümpe, Wilhelm, Bad Harzburg v.d. Höhe, * 15/09/1932	23/05/2007 Rahl diack
4					b) Appointed as Managing Director: Dr. Fleamalter, Heinz, Goslar, * 08/02/1951, holding sole power of representation, authorised to enter into legal transactions on behalf of the Company with himself as representative of a third party.	29/05/2007 Rahl diack
					b) As acquiring legal entity the Company, subject to the Merger Agreement dated 03/05/2007 and the approvals of the shareholders' meeting dated 03/05/2007 and the shareholders' meeting of the transferring legal entity dated 02/05/2007 has been merged with H.C. Stark Verwaltungs- GmbH with domicile in Goslar (Amtsgericht Braunschweig, HRB 200307).	29/05/2007 Fahdick

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